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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Madam/Sir:

Before examination, kindly amend this application as follows:

In the Claims

Please add new claims 7-31 as follows.

A4 7. (New) A chitosan containing material derived from fungal biomass, the chitosan containing material having:

greater than 85 percent deacetylation of N-acetyl groups in the chitin.

Sub 8. (New) The chitosan containing material derived from fungal biomass of claim 7, wherein a 1 percent by weight solution of the chitosan containing material in 1 percent aqueous acetic acid has a viscosity of less than 25 centipoise at 25°C.

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